trial houses will not be able to interfere in the functioning of the electronic media.

Municipal Press, M.C.D.

162. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1032 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1989 and state what are the details of the newly-created posts in each category i.e. Key Board Operator, Machine Operator, Machine Attendants, Platemakers and Dark-room Assisant due to computerisation of Municipal Press and what action has been taken/is being taken to fill up all the newly-created posts?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): No new posts have been created in these categories.

Spurt in Terrorists activities in Punjab

163. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been alarming spurt in the terrorist activities in Punjab during the last two months, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of persons killed by the terrorists in Punjab during the first two months of the current year?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to information available 126 and 95 persons were killed by terrorists in Punjab in January and February, 1990 respectively.

Plan to introduce car telephones

164. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revive the plan to introduce Car telephones in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Foreign media-men in Srinagar

165. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign-media persons were asked to leave Srinagar in the last week of January, 1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a Delhi-based correspondent of the BBC went underground in Srinagar on January 25 and continued to file his despatches from his hide-out; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (d) Information still awaited from the State Government.

Pakistan's lobbying with USA Government on Kashmir issue

166. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the officials of Pakistan Government are lobbying with USA Government to secure support for their Government's stand on Kashmir issue; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information available with us, Mr. Happy Minwala, Ambassador at large and Mr. Iqbal Akhund, Adviser to Pakistan PM on National Security and Foreign Affairs visited the US in February, 1990 to seek US Government's support for Pakistan's stand on Kashmir.

Complaints received against DTC Conductors

167. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints in the recent past with regard to non-compliance of instructions by the Conductors of the DTC buses, regarding the issue of tickets to the commuters;

(b) whether Government are aware that some of the Conductors issue tickets sitting on the rear seat of the bus and do not move in the bus for the purpose;

(c) if so, what action Government have taken against such erring conductors during the last three months; and

(d) what further steps Government propose to take to provide better bus services to the commuters in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam, some complaints of this nature have been received.

(c) During the last three months i.e. December, 1989 to February 1990, 24 such complaints were received. On receipt of complaints, DTC makes enquiries and takes action against the erring conductors. Out of 24 cases, enquiry is on in respect of 6 cases. Of the remaining, in one case a written warning has been issued and in 17 cases cautions have been administered, which form the part of the service record of the erring conductors.

(d) In order that bus crew provides better service to the commuters, following steps have been taken by DTC:

(i) Refresher courses are being conducted to the crew to make them alert to their duties and responsibilities.

(ii) The Central Complaint Cell functions round the clock for prompt disposal of complaints.

(iii) Mobile checking squads carry out checking of the crew on-line so that they discharge their duties properly.

(iv) Time Table boards have been installed at important terminals for the convenience of the commuters.

(v) The recruitment of crew has been broad based with a view to attract recruits from different states.

(vi) Destination Board of the buses are being written in large sized letters.

(vii) Rationalisation of routes has been undertaken in a phased manner for the better utilization of buses and adherence to adequate turnround time.

Action against authors preaching communal hatred

168. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of books, leaflets and pamphlets preaching hatred against Muslims and attacking Islam, prescribed by Government during the last two years;

(b) what are the names of those prescribed books, leaflets and pamphlets; and

(c) the details of action taken against authors and publishers of those books, pamphlets and leaflets during this period?